

# **EXHIBIT A**

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: AO Rule - Deposition Notices

Erin:

We are amenable to extending the deadlines – I'll touch base regarding dates. Please feel free to draft a joint motion. I think a one month extension on experts and close of discovery is probably enough.

-Scott

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**Subject:** RE: AO Rule - Deposition Notices

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Hi Scott and Jimmy,

Just following up on the below. If we intend to extend the expert report deadline, as well as the time to complete this discovery, we should aim to file this extension motion tomorrow or Thursday. We're happy to draft the request, but please provide your position so we know how to style it.

Also, we are still waiting for responses to our emails from Aug 7 and Aug 8 as well.

Thanks,  
Erin

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**From:** Ryan, Erin T. (CIV)  
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Hi Scott and Jimmy,

Attached, please find 30(b)(6) deposition notices for the State of Louisiana and some of its agencies. A few notes: as there has been some confusion and disagreement in the past about the relationship between the state and its agencies, we included the same topics from the agency notices in the notice of the state of Louisiana. If the standalone notices for

the agency are preferred, we can amend the notice to the state to remove those duplicate topics. We just included them in this format to cover both bases, but are open to discussing which way will be best for you to reach out to the agencies regarding witnesses.

We also include a notice for Louisiana's Department of Public Safety and Corrections to the extent those are injuries you are still planning to rely on to show standing. From some of your previous emails, you seemed to indicate that standing would be based on the Departments of Health, Education, and Children and Families, but the second amended complaint still contains a number of allegations related to public safety and corrections. If Louisiana is withdrawing their reliance on standing based on those injuries, we can withdraw the deposition notice.

We also left the deposition dates blank so we can find mutually agreeable dates that work for all counsel and your witnesses. We understand you will need time to talk with the agencies, determine who they are designating, and then check their schedules before you can agree to specific dates, so we are open to discussing dates once you have done that. However, to facilitate that, we will need to get an extension of the discovery deadline. Please let us know early next week how much time you think you will need to do all that, and a rough estimate of when you think we can schedule the depositions for, so we can determine the length of the extension we need. Off the top of my head, I assume we're talking about at least 2-3 months, but please let us know.

Finally, these notices are currently only for Louisiana. We understand there will be arguments made as to Florida's standing as well, and we are still evaluating whether we need depositions of Florida witnesses as well. We will let you know within the next week or two.

Thanks,

**Erin Ryan**

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